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GONIC MAN SENTENCED TO 12 MONTHS IN COUNTERFEITING CASE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Dover Police Chief William Fenniman today announced that Jeffrey Goodell, 22, of Gonic, New Hampshire, was sentenced to 12 months and one day of imprisonment after pleading guilty to one count of manufacturing counterfeit United States currency in Dover, New Hampshire, last November. The court sentenced Goodell to two years of supervised release to be served after Goodell is released from prison..

Goodell was indicted on January 8, 2003 and charged with one count of violating federal law by manufacturing counterfeit United States currency. The counterfeit bills were produced on a scanner/printer purchased at a local office supply store. Goodell and others then passed the counterfeit by making small purchases and offering the counterfeit bills as payment. They would use the genuine currency received as change for additional purchases.

United States Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "The technology of producing counterfeit United States currency has changed from the significant expense and difficult process of offset printing to the relatively inexpensive and easier process of computer generation. The availability of high powered computers at relatively low cost allows criminals to produce and pass counterfeit currency in small quantities at a time and thus hope to avoid detection. The cumulative loss to our business community is significant, however, and my office will continue to prosecute those who engage in any method of counterfeiting."

The Dover Police Department and the United States Secret Service investigated this case. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Don Feith.